



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing news

We are very pleased to announce that we appointed Victoria Barton last week as the replacement for Mr Mackenzie who left at Christmas. She is lovely, energetic and Year 5 who were involved in the interviews enjoyed her teaching. We are also really pleased that Mrs Moore will continue with us in September covering Mrs Luff's maternity leave.

What's happening in school this week

There is a basketball competition being held at KEVICC today after school which has been organised by Totnes Learning Community. Ginkgo Tree class are having their Ancient Egypt day tomorrow. On Saturday we will be raising money at Morrisons bag packing. We are still needing a few more volunteers for this.

Elizabethan Dancing

Flame Tree class children will be dancing in the Civic Square for the Opening Ceremony of the Elizabethan Market, please come and support them if you can. Their first appearance will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 11am. Please can we remind parents and carers of Year 5 children to make sure they all have black soft shoes to dance in.

Elizabethan Costumes volunteer needed

We are also looking for someone who would love giving our collection of Elizabethan costumes some tender loving care, which involves some sewing and making good. Our previous volunteer has retired so if this appeals to you or you know someone who would love this then please contact the school.

Clubs

A letter along with details of our clubs has been sent out today. Please could they be handed back in by Friday 28th April

PTA meeting

Thanks to all those that attended the PTA meeting last week or are showing their support for the tremendous fundraising efforts by the PTA. We have the Summer Fair coming up on Friday 7th July from 5pm. We are also organising discos for the children, cake sales, and a variety of other great ideas. The play equipment is currently going up – phase 1 – the fruits of our labours so far, let's work hard together raising money for phase 2 and 3! Let us know if you have any ideas or time to help.

Pick a Pocket

We need to start collecting small homemade items for the 'pick a pocket' for the Summer Fair. All small homemade prizes are very welcome. For more information, please see Fiona Kendall in Reception class.

PTA Cake Sale

Cake sales start again and tomorrow is the turn of Banyan Tree class to bake! Please drop all cakes off at the classroom.

Governors

The staff and the governors met last week on our training day to start working on our 5-year vision for our school. It is a time of much change in education and the world and we are all firm believers of preparing the children for the world of the future, with all the strengths and skills they will need. We stick strongly with our school values which are on our school logo of creativity, humour and fun, team work, open communication, parental involvement, pupil achievement, passion for learning and having shared values and all of these ideas will go into our vision for The Grove as we move forward.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assemblies will be on Fridays (unless otherwise mentioned) at 2.45 pm.

Year 3 Gingko Tree Class – 5th May

Reception Unit – Carob and Beech Tree Class – 16th June

Banyan Tree Class – 23rd June

Lime Tree Class – 30th June

Willow Tree Class – 7th July

Year 5 Flame Tree Class – 14th July

Year 4 Maple Tree Class – 21st July

Year 6 Snow bell Tree Class leavers assembly on Wednesday 26th July at 2pm

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Nourishing Families

Transforming food and mealtimes to bring more balance and harmony to family life.

This 3-month programme is for parents of children 0-10 who have concerns about any aspects of food, nutrition or dietary habits or simply want better family mealtimes.

I'm looking for a small group of parents (with at least one child under 10) to join a pilot in Totnes beginning Monday, 8th May, with sessions fortnightly.

For more details or to book a place please contact Anna: anna@kandonutrition.com

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